

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) In a communication device, a method for maintaining user information in a group communication network, the method comprising:
maintaining information about a net in the group communication network; and
maintaining information about a user in the net.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining information about the net includes maintaining a net status, the net status including a secure net or a clear net.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining information about the net includes maintaining a net address.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining information about the net includes maintaining information identifying an arbitration scheme.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining information about the user includes maintaining a user status, the user status including talking or listening.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining information about the user includes maintaining a user priority, the priority.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the user priority includes a user privilege level to modify the information about the net.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining information about the user includes maintaining a user Internet protocol (IP) address.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining information about the user includes maintaining information identifying existing nets the user is authorized to participate in.

11. (Original) In a communication device, a computer-readable medium embodying a method for maintaining user information in a group communication network, the method comprising:

maintaining information about a net in the group communication network; and
maintaining information about a user in the net.

12. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the maintaining information about the net includes maintaining a net status, the net status including a secure net or a clear net.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the maintaining information about the net includes maintaining a net address.

15. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the maintaining information about the net includes maintaining information identifying an arbitration scheme.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the maintaining information about the user includes maintaining a user status, the user status including talking or listening.

17. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the maintaining information about the user includes maintaining a user priority, the priority.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the user priority includes a user privilege level to modify the information about the net.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the maintaining information about the user includes maintaining a user Internet Protocol (IP) address.

A 20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the maintaining information about the user includes maintaining information identifying existing nets the user is authorized to participate in.

21. (Original) A communication device for maintaining user information in a group communication network, the communication device comprising:

means for maintaining information about a net in the group communication network; and

means for maintaining information about a user in the net.

22. (Original) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the means for maintaining information about the net includes means for maintaining a net status, the net status including a secure net or a clear net.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the means for maintaining information about the net includes means for maintaining a net address.

25. (Original) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the means for maintaining information about the net includes means for maintaining information identifying an arbitration scheme.

26. (Original) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the means for maintaining information about the net includes means for maintaining a user status, the user status including talking or listening.

27. (Original) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the means for maintaining information about the net includes means for maintaining a user priority, the priority.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the user priority includes a user privilege level to modify the information about the net.

29. (Original) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the means for maintaining information about the net includes means for maintaining a user Internet protocol (IP) address.

30. (Original) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the means for maintaining information about the net includes means for maintaining information identifying existing nets the user is authorized to participate in.

31. (Original) A communication device for maintaining user information in a group communication network, the communication device comprising:

a memory unit; and

a processor communicatively coupled to the memory unit, the processor being capable of:

maintaining information about a net in the group communication network; and

maintaining information about a user in the net.

32. (Original) The communication device of claim 31, wherein the processor is capable of maintaining a net status, the net status including a secure net or a clear net.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Original) The communication device of claim 31, wherein the processor is capable of maintaining a net address.

35. (Original) The communication device of claim 31, wherein the processor is capable of maintaining information identifying an arbitration scheme.

36. (Original) The communication device of claim 31, wherein the processor is capable of maintaining a user status, the user status including talking or listening.

37. (Original) The communication device of claim 31, wherein the processor is capable of maintaining a user priority, the priority.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein the user priority includes a user privilege level to modify the information about the net.

39. (Original) The communication device of claim 31, wherein the processor is capable of maintaining a user Internet Protocol (IP) address.

40. (Original) The communication device of claim 31, wherein the processor is capable of maintaining information identifying existing nets the user is authorized to participate in.

41. (Original) In a communication device, a database for maintaining user information in a group communication network, the database comprising:

A a first portion for maintaining information about a net in the group communication network; and

a second portion for maintaining information about a user in the net.
